industries in Delhi against whom electricity dues amounting to lakhs of rupees are outstanding;

(b) the steps taken to realise the dues; and

(c) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). According to DESU, there are about 970 Commercial firms/industries, including other categories of consumers against whom electricity dues of more than Rs. 1 lakh is outstanding in each case. Steps taken by DESU to recover these dues include issue of notices, disconnection of power supply and legal action where necessary.

Opening of Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices in Maharashtra

2888. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices and sub-post offices functioning at present in Maharashtra and the number of new post offices and sub-post offices proposed to be opened during the year 1991-92;

(b) the allocation made in the budget in this regard; and

(c) the details of the work done and the amount spent so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are 11,979 post offices including 61 Head post offices, 2,054 departmental sub post offices, 129 extra departmental sub post offices and 9, 735 extra departmental branch post offices functioning in Maharashtra at present. It is proposed to open, subject to justification, 150 extra departmental branch post offices and 20 departmental sub post offices in Maharashtra State during the year 1991-92.

(b) and (c). There is a total provision amounting to Rs. 2 crore 72 lakhs in the Budget estimates for the year 1991-92 in respect of opening of post offices in rural and tribal areas on all India basis. Necessary funds will be made available to Maharashtra Postal Circle as per their demand. An amount of Rs. 2.03 lakhs has been spent upto 31-10-91 on opening of post offices in rural and tribal areas in Maharashtra.

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Outstanding Dues by SEBs to Power Generating Agencies

2889. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of outstanding dues by SEBs to the power generating agencies as on 30th September, 1991;

(b) whether the Government has asked States to clear the same in four equal instalments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Statement giving state-wise details of outstanding dues payable by the SEBs to the National Thermal Power Corporation, National Hydro-electric Power Corporation, North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation and Damodar Valley Corporation as on 30.9.1991. is enclosed.